

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	<b>Confirmation No. 4434</b>
Andreas ABEL et al.	:	Attorney Docket No. 2001_1861A
Serial No. 10/030,972	:	Group Art Unit 1641
Filed January 15, 2002	:	Examiner Melanie J. Yu
 DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING MULTIPLE ANALYTES :		
<b>Mail Stop: Amendment</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of June 19, 2007, an Appeal timely filed on December 19, 2008, Applicants herein present the following amendments and remarks. An RCE is filed concurrently with this reply.